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Osteopathic Oath

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession.

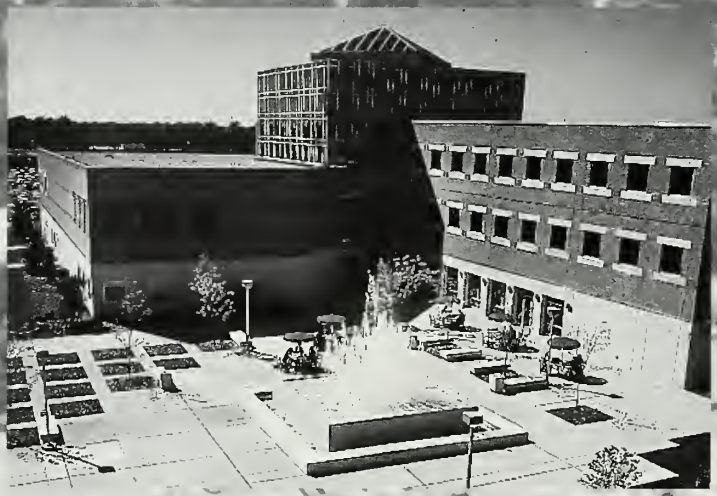
I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college I will be loyal and trive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me.

I will be ever alert to further the applications of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine Campus



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University-Affiliated Medical Center

Kennedy Health System ● Stratford

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Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center ● Camden

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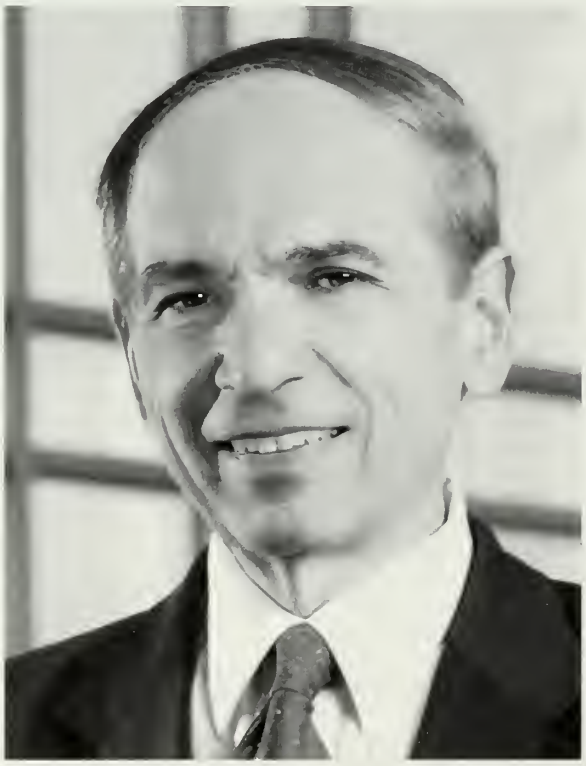
Dean's Message to the Class of 2008

Congratulations to you- the UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine Class of 2008! I am very proud of each one of you for achieving this milestone. I hope you look back on your time at UMDNJ-SOM with fond memories of student life, your fellow graduates, the faculty, learning and ultimately earning your Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. Although graduation is often associated with the end of your efforts, this is truly a beginning in many ways. You are entering a new stage of your life where you will apply your unique skills to relieve suffering and always, continue to learn. Regardless of the discipline or area of medicine you aspire to practice, be passionate about learning and most importantly, committed to teaching.



Thomas A. Cavalieri, D.O., FACOI, FACP
Interim Dean
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You have embarked on your medical career during the most extraordinary time in the history of medicine. Not only will you benefit from having received your medical education and training at the nation's finest osteopathic medical school, but you will also benefit from the abundance of research, invention, and technology that is available today to eradicate disease and prevent illness more effectively than ever.

Remember always, no drug can replace the empathy and healing hands of a well-trained, attentive and dedicated osteopathic physician. Also remember, each time you see a patient, you reaffirm the great oath you took at Convocation calling for you to respect and safeguard each patient you encounter. I know that you have been fully prepared to meet every challenge and possess the knowledge and skills to achieve all of your goals of becoming great physicians.

The tremendous commitment and involvement in our school by our growing alumni constituency sends a powerful message of their appreciation for how SOM has prepared them for their professional achievements, as well as their belief in the excellence yet to come at UMDNJ-SOM. It has been my privilege and honor to have been afforded this opportunity to serve you.

On behalf of the administration, I welcome you to the Alumni Association and trust that you will always consider yourself an important part of of the UMDNJ-SOM family.

Congratulations to you and best wishes in all of your professional endeavors.

Thomas A. Cavalieri D.O.

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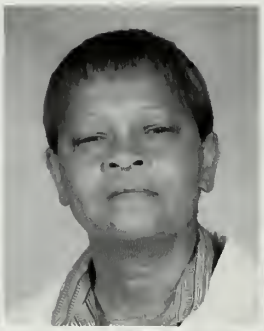

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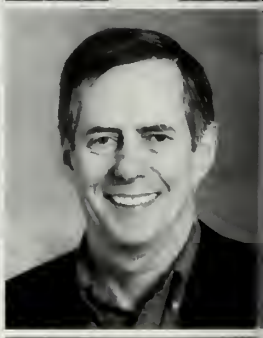

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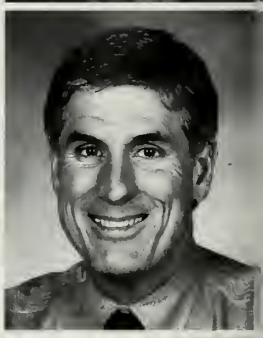

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In August of 2004, our class received a "warm welcome" at Philadelphia's Mütter Museum. And throughout medical school, we have exceeded all expectations, and now we have succeeded in becoming physicians. Today, we are doctors.

Here you are presented with *Articulations*, documenting the many fun times— and the many memories—that we have shared together…

Where it all started...

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...can you guess who?

See page number at the bottom left corner to find out who's who.

On August 1, 2004, our careers began...

Welcome to the

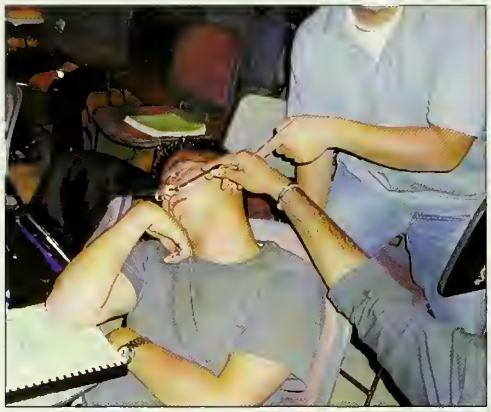
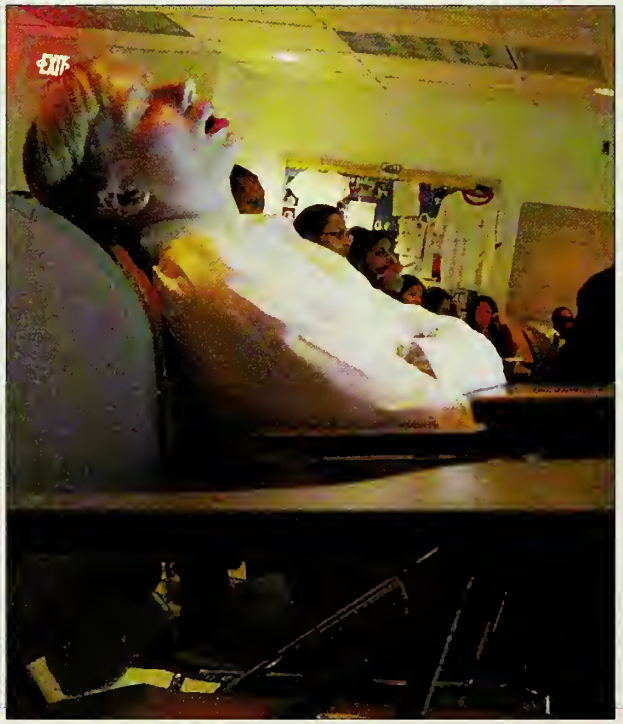
White Coat Ceremony

for the

Class of 2008

Sunday, August 1, 2004
10:00 a.m., Multi-Purpose Room

...and then we were oriented to the school and each other.

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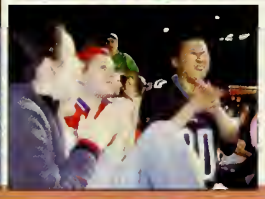
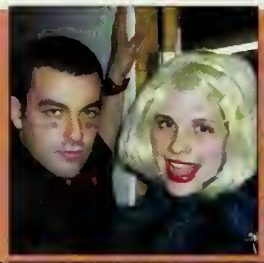
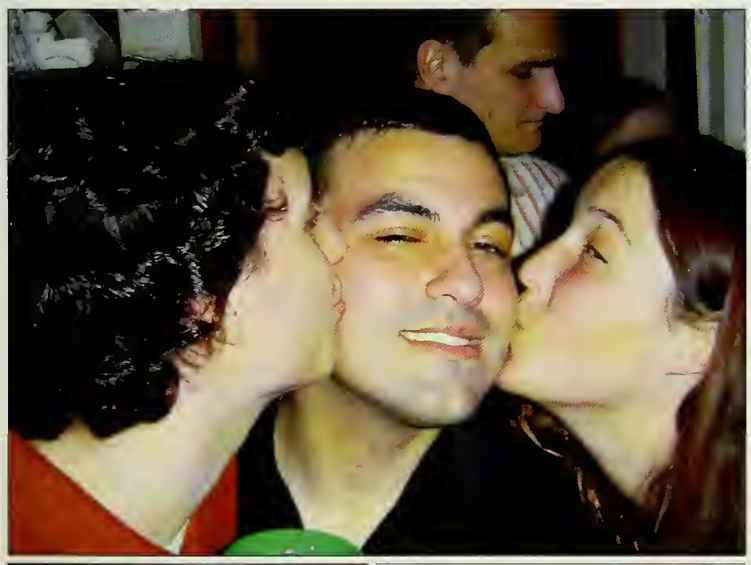


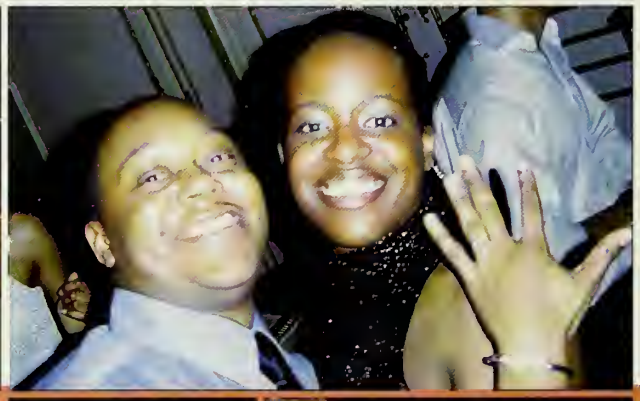
...but we were still able to get away on plenty of trips!

We relieved stress...

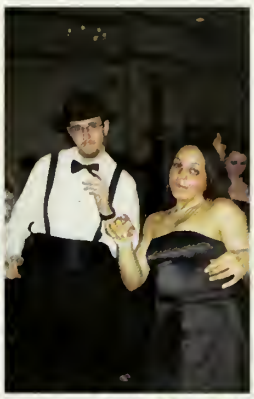
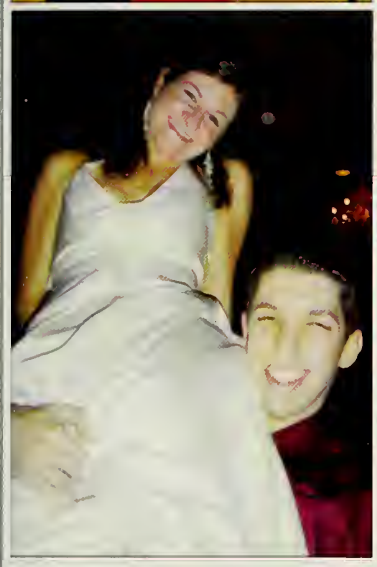


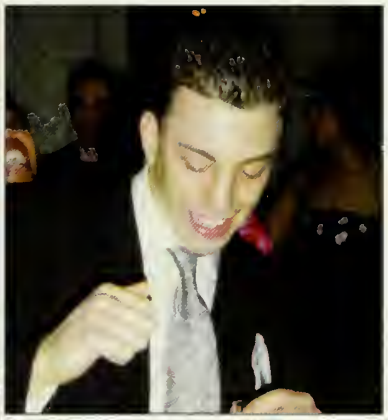
...and then relieved even more stress!





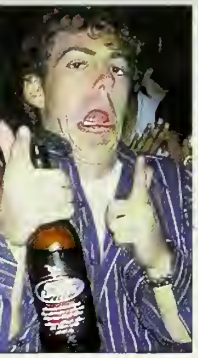
We danced the night away at four Medicine Balls...

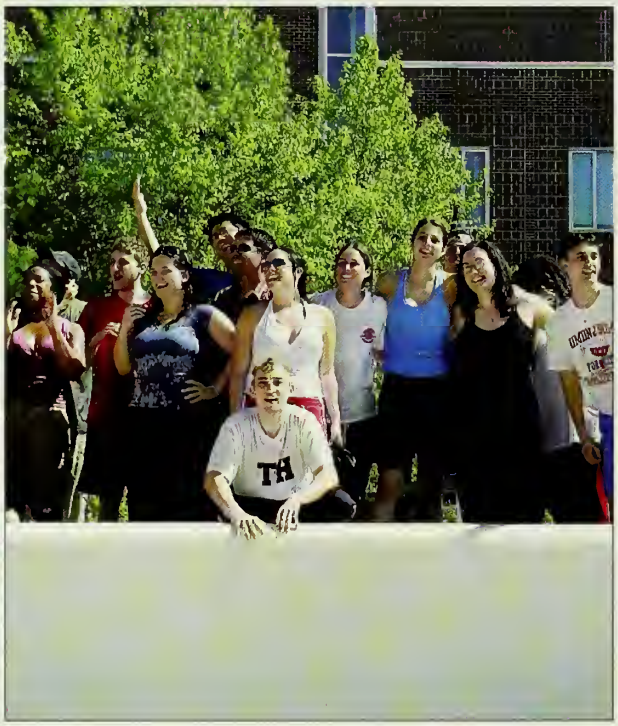


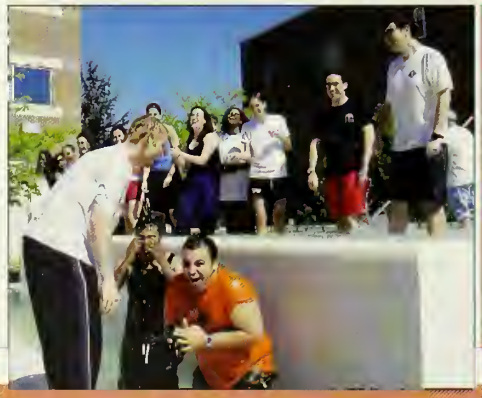
...and created memories that we'll never forget!

We always had a good time...

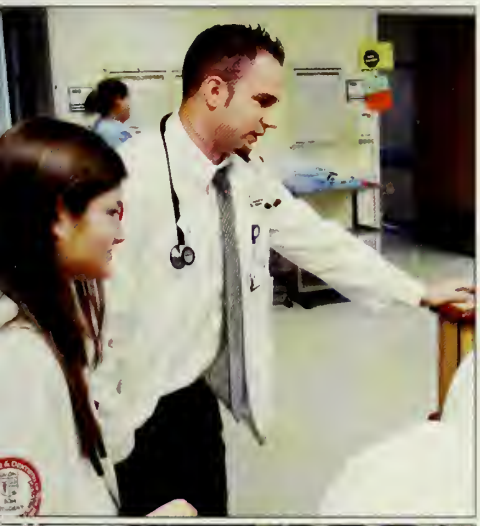


...no matter what we were doing together.





We jumped in a fountain in 2006...



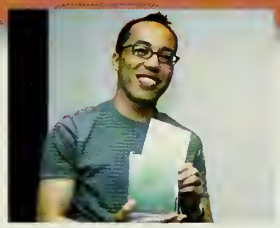
...and will care for our patients the rest of our lives.

Presenting the "Most Likely To..." Awards

Most likely to not be here to receive their awards:
Stacey Kuhfahl
Eric Kaminetsky

Most likely to be his own wedding singer:
Ryan Mascio

Most likely to knit her own scrubs:
Priscilla Sarmiento



Most likely to deliver his wife's baby:
Josh Trinidad

Most likely to have Marfan's Syndrome:
Sue Marchiano

Most likely to fall asleep while listening to a patient:
Sheri Tittermary

Most likely to "shhh!" you:
Karen Eastburn

Most likely to know the exact number of days left until internship ends:
Cassandra Donnelly

Most likely to work only one day a week:
Pavan Tankha

Most likely to scrub into a surgery in flip flops while drinking coca-cola:
Stephanie Plummer

Most likely to win a beauty pageant in a tiny Asian country:
Than Lin

Most likely to have a national holiday named after him—Happy Fäden Day:
Justin Fäden

Most likely to not smile when she receives this award:
Anya Myers

Most likely to leave medicine and become editor-in-chief of the Courier-Post newspaper:
T.J. Maltese

Most likely to do hip-hop cardio in order to stay awake during call:
Christine Roque

Most likely to sweat while seeing patients:
Allen Nau

Most likely to create a website in order to practice medicine through the internet:
Obie Alade

Most likely to wear Gucci scrubs and stilettos while on call:
Huma Mahmood

Most likely to offer a cold patient his white coat:
Ram Wadehra

Most likely to organize he H&P's into neatly arrange color-coded charts:
Emily Stanford

Most likely to take his wife to a pharmaceutical dinner to celebrate their wedding anniversary:
Dave Konigsberg

Most likely to have her own talk show:
Wendy Cheng

Most likely to (falsely) believe that all the nurses want him:
Eddie Wu

Most likely to have maxed out on her award quota during medical school, and therefore will receive none tonight:
Anne Jones

Most likely to take his shirt off—completely unprovoked—for no apparent reason:
Bruce Matchin

NOT PICTURED:

Most likely to cook a gourmet meal to win over his nurses:
Steve Licetti

Most likely to, in the event of a lawsuit, be defended by her husband:
Stephanie Achille

Most likely to sign each of his SOAP notes with a difeerent name:
Mike Sinkoff

Most likely to treat an MI with myofascial release:
Bob Jackson

Most likely to make enough money to retire in ten years:
Mike Hewitt

Words of Wisdom to Take With You

"That's enough with the donuts! Stop passing them around!" – R.

"I shook the guy's hand for giving such a good rectal—that was the best that I ever had!" – Q.

"What's shaking" – A.

"What are these?" – M1.
… "Those are the breasts." – M2.

"Books and books, and papers and papers have been written on the topic. So it's tough for me to answer your question." – S.

"And now for the final slide—slide number 61. It's a really hard one, so pay close attention!" – U.

"This reminds me of a story…" – J.

"If you see anything bad going on, you must report it." – N.

"Is everyone ready for a game of Zip, Zap, Zup?" – F.

"So she rode over my house (about 5 miles away) in her winter coat on her ten-speed bike. I felt so horrible but hey, she was crazy about me." – L.

"Are you the dumbest class since 1999, or the smartest?" – H.

"What is Fäden Day?" – P.

"Sex is like playing the piano. The more you do it, the better you get at it." – C.

"Growing up, my favorite cartoon was 'Tom and Jerry', because I couldn't speak a lick of English, and the show had NO ENGLISH." – I.

"It's my left eye that counts, my right eye goes this way, so my left eye's looking at you." – G.

"Point and shoot." – B.

"Dong chim." – T.

"All you need is garlic." – K.

"Now many of you may have heard the joke about the guy who falls in shark infested waters and yells, 'Save me, save me, SAVE ME!'" – E.

"How many pairs of strappy black shoes does one girl need?!" – O.

"Yes, I am from Burma but I am not Mr. Burma of 1985." – D.

Answers: A) Allen Nau. B) Dr. Yin. C) Dr. Krueger. D) Than Lin. E) Dr. Helfer. F) Dr. Rottman. G) Dr. Giudice. H) Dr. Gallagher. I) Dug Su. J) Dr. Wallace. K) Dr. Spurr. L) Eddie Wu. M1) Amarachi M2) Dr. Carsia. N) Dr. Gallagher. O) Dr. White. P) Bob Jackon. Q) Dr. Carsia. R) Dr. Mulheron. S) Dr. Finelli. T) Dug Su. U) Gil Siu.

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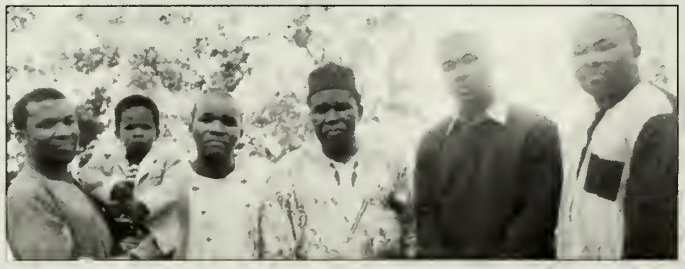
Here I stand Lord, before you with thanks and praises in my mouth. You promised You would be with me and help me bear all my burdens. You promised me victory; You came to my aide when I needed it and saved me from despair. God of heaven, may my voice blend with those of the Cherubs to give You eternal praises. Ekele diri Chukwu (Thanks be to God).



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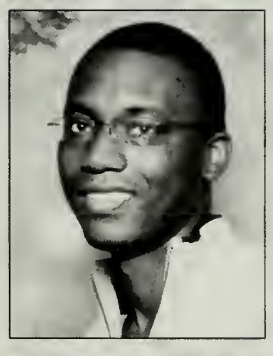

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- Leonardo da Vinci

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"The most fundamental principle of Medicine is love."
- Paracelsus in "The Great Art of Surgery"

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"You create your own universe as you go along" --Winston Churchill

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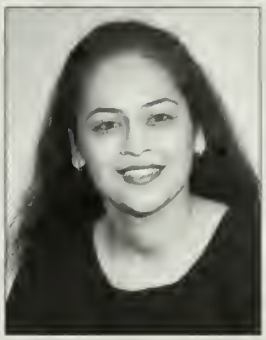

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"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference".
~ *The Road Not Taken*, Robert Frost

Mama, Daddy, and Alex: Thank you for being with me every step of the way.
Dave and Erich: It's been an amazing 4 years with the Big 3. Scissor me timbers!
Brenna and Steph: Good story. Here's to best friends forever. **Kerin:** I'm yours. Love you so much!

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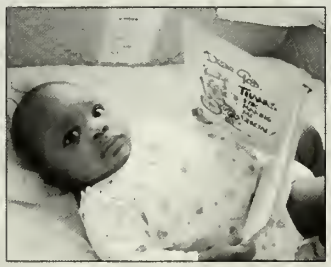
A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her. Her children arise and call her blessed. "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.
-Proverbs 31



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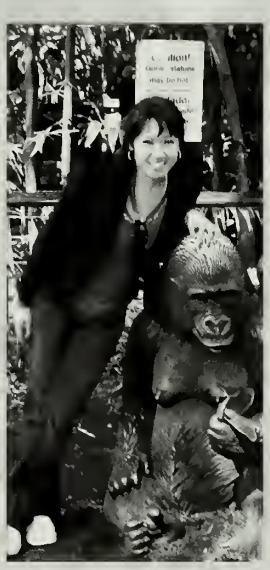

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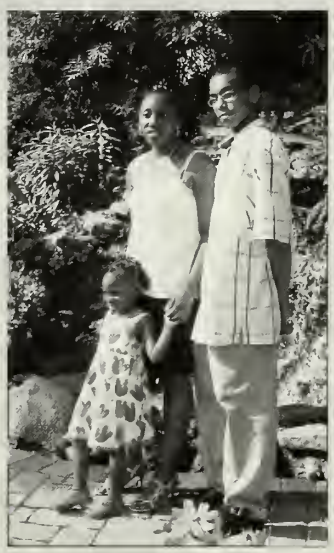

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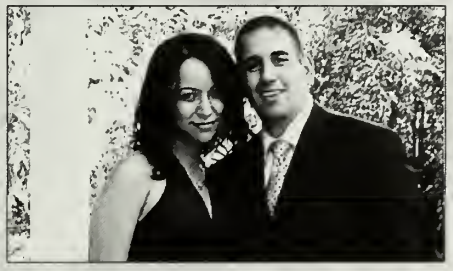

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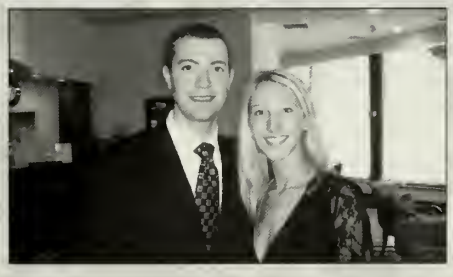

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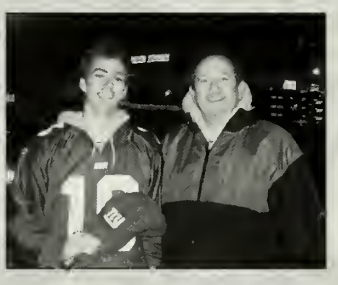
"Through concentration, I can raise or lower my cholesterol at will"



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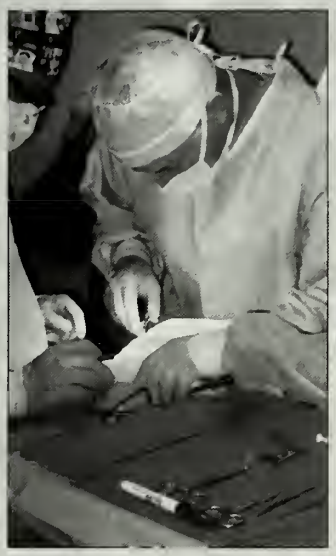

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"Parental disappointment ends with a medical degree." Izzie Stevens

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What a crazy 4 years! To my classmates, good luck in wherever you go and whatever you do.
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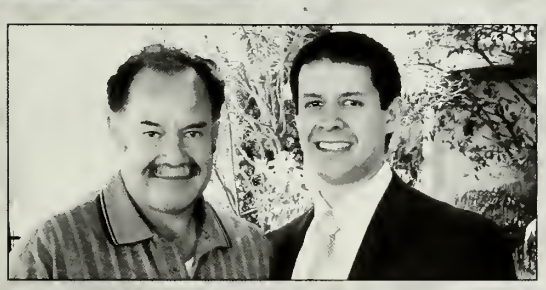

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"Happy are those who find joy in the journey."

"When you come to a fork in the road, take it."

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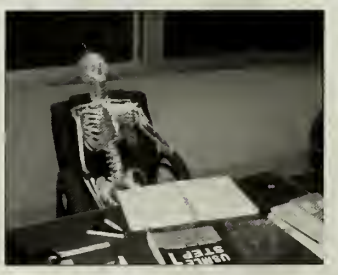
A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men – Willy Wonka

Without the unconditional love, support, and general silliness of my Dad, Mom, and Brother I wouldn't have made it this far or become the person that I am. It's all your fault!

Studying with ghosts at 5am, theme parties, free lunches, FBI raids, class trips, stand arounds, and even more studying and tests; It was my friends and classmates that were the best part and made it all fun.



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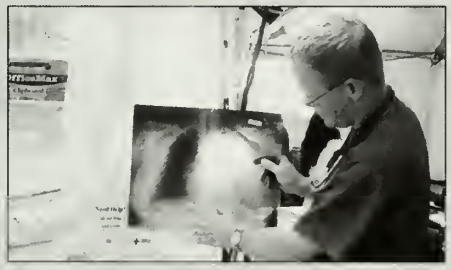

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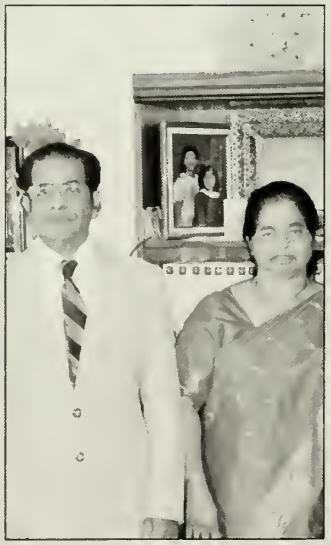
"I am to bless the world through what I am."
- William Makepeace Thackeray



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Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God...And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. -Marianne Williamson

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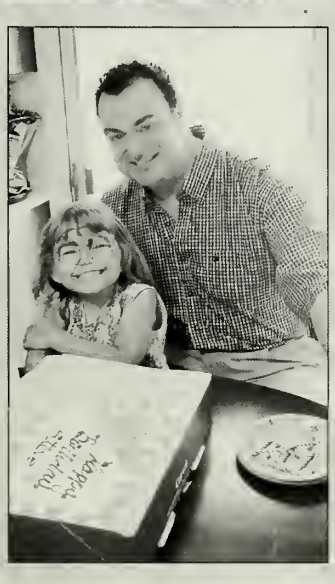
"Curiosity has its own reason for existing...
Imagination is more important than Knowledge"
-Albert Einstein



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UMDNJ-SOM 08 is the closest, longest and biggest group of friends I have known outside of my family since high school. I hope we can keep the friendship throughout the rest of our career. We have a long journey ahead with more responsibility. We have carried many different heads and titles in our life. And the graduation will give a new one with whole new responsibility. I am sure everyone of us will represent well our family, profession, school, group, race, ethnicity, gender, state, region, country and most importantly, ourselves.

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THERE IS NO TRUTH WITHOUT ALLAH (God).
Thank you to my family for loving me and pushing me to believe in myself, ILU. Nana, I'm thinking of you. To my friends, I cherish these years we have spent together and the memories we've made. To BD, you will always have a special place in my heart. Zia, love you kitty. "If you believe, you can achieve."

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Whatever you are, be a good one." - Abraham Lincoln

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I Chronicles 4: 9 – 10
I dedicate my medical degree and career in honor of my mother. My mother was a great humanitarian with an insurmountable measure of faith. She declared that I was a physician well before I had even applied to medical school. My deepest desire and most sincere prayer is that my mother's measure of faith will continue to live on in me as well as my future generations as a legacy of great faith ad concern of all mankind.

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Jeremiah 29:11
"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a [great] future."

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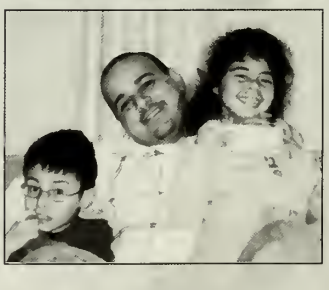
I am so fortunate to be part of this class, the Class of 2008. We really worked together to help each other through the hard times… and celebrate afterward :) Gracias Mom and Pap for always being there with words of encouragement throughout my life. Thanks Becky for listening no matter what time of night. Will, you are my rock. Christine, Erica, Gwyneth, and Deon, it's not gonna be the same without you!
To the Class of 2008, Good luck with your future endeavors!



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"I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be."
- Douglas Adams.

I think medical school has been an incredible journey and I am so honored to have shared it with the class of 2008. I wish you all the best of luck and continued success in your future endeavors!

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The fastest way to double your money is to fold it in half and stick it back in your pocket.

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"I am simply trying to teach you what you are;
to get you to realize your right to health."
- A.T. Still

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"It's hard to believe we've reached the end of this journey! It's been an amazing ride. To my classmates and the life-long friends I've made here - thanks for the memories and for teaching me so much. To my wonderful family - thank you for being an unending source of love, support, and inspiration. To Jay, whose patience, kindness, and love have allowed me to realize my dreams, I love you! Finally, to my Lord and savior, I give my utmost praise and gratitude."

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"A good night's sleep. or a ten-minute brawl, or a pint of chocolate ice cream, or all three together, is good medicine." - Ray Bradbury

"Medicine, the only profession that labors incessantly to destroy the reason for its own existence"
- James Bryce

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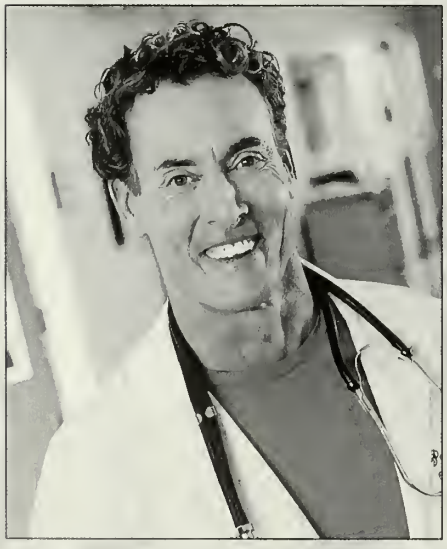
"I'm just a man in the middle of a complicated plan
No one to show me the light
I guess I'm weary from battle, but I've just begun to fight
Nowhere to run to, nowhere to hide" -Maurice Gibb



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So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable." -- Christopher Reeve

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"Dance as if no one were watching.
Sing as if no one were listening.
Live each day as if it were your last."
- Irish Proverb

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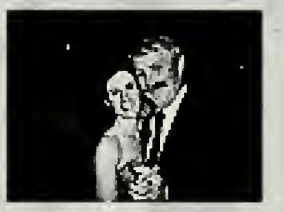

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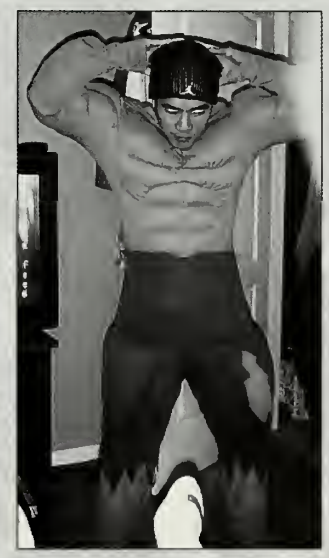

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"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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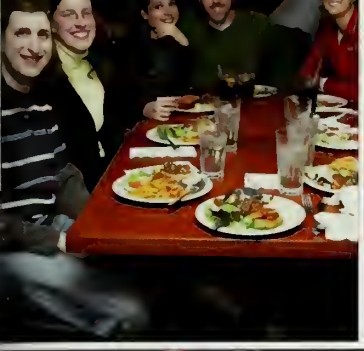

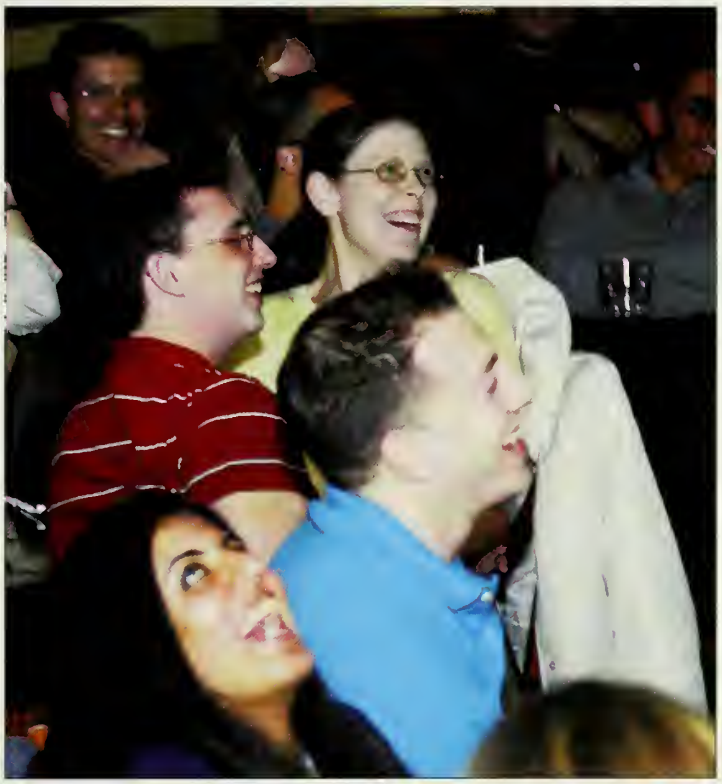

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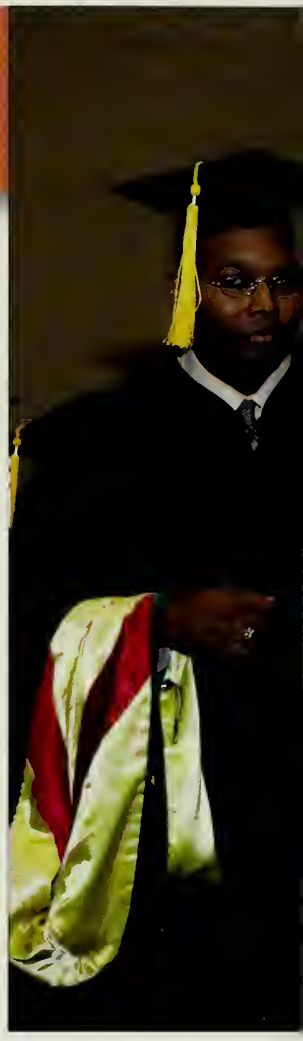

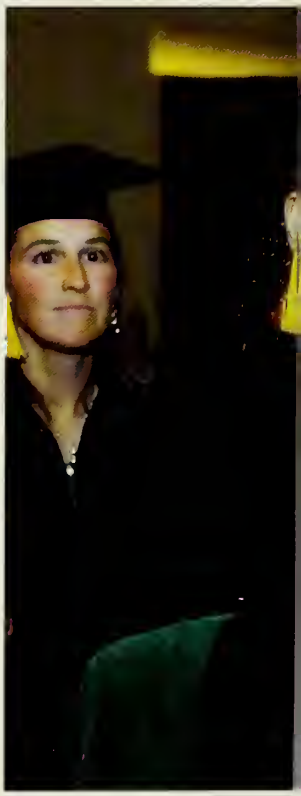

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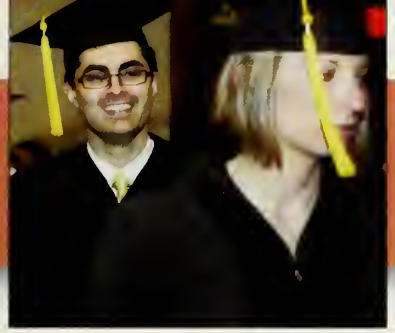

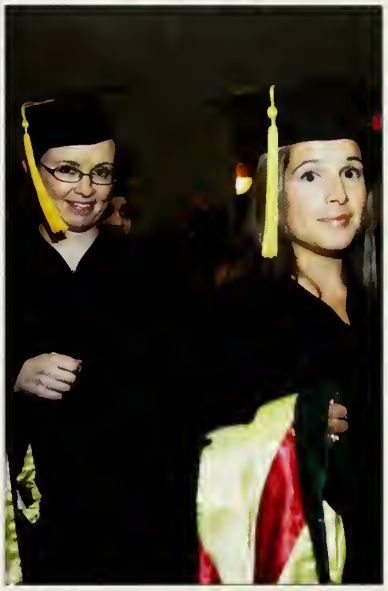

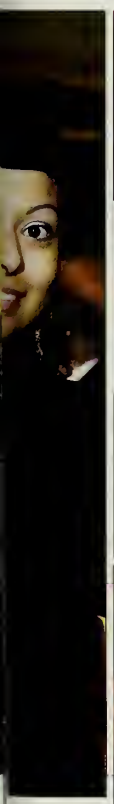

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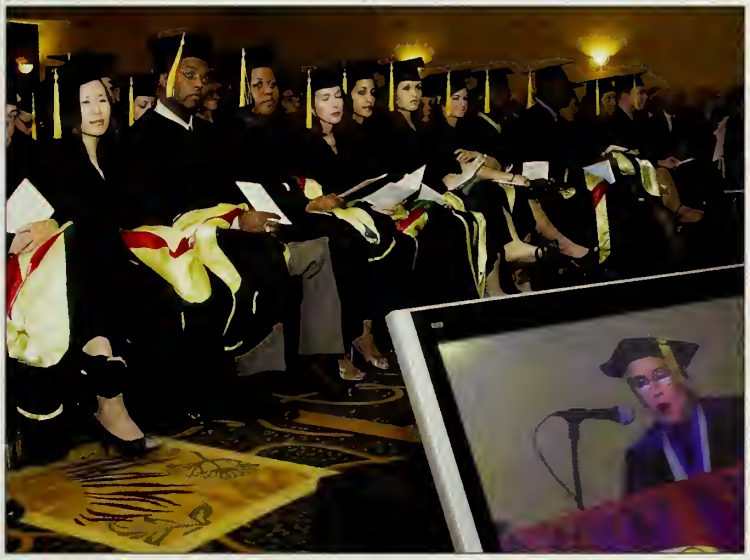

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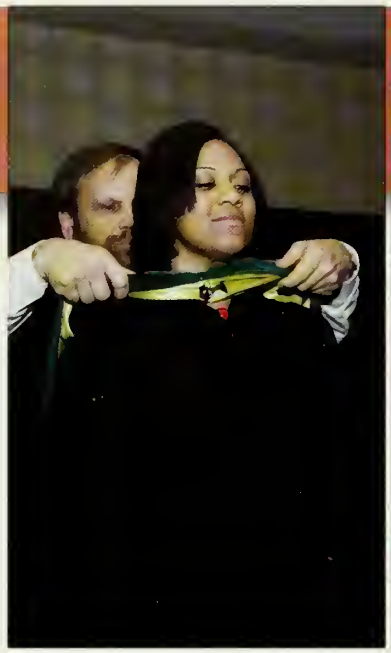

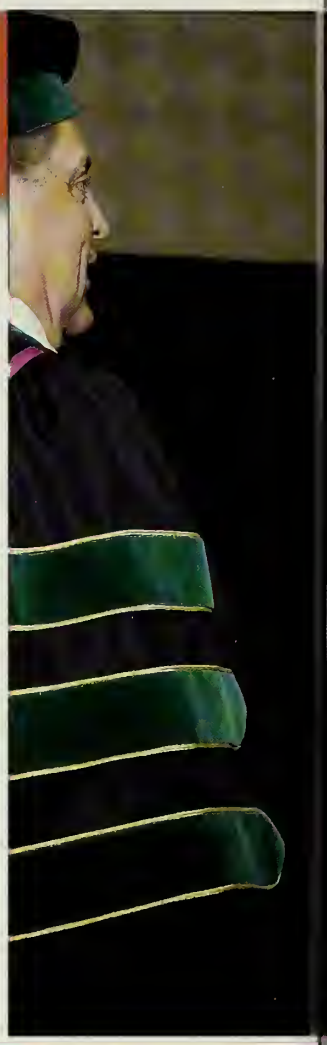

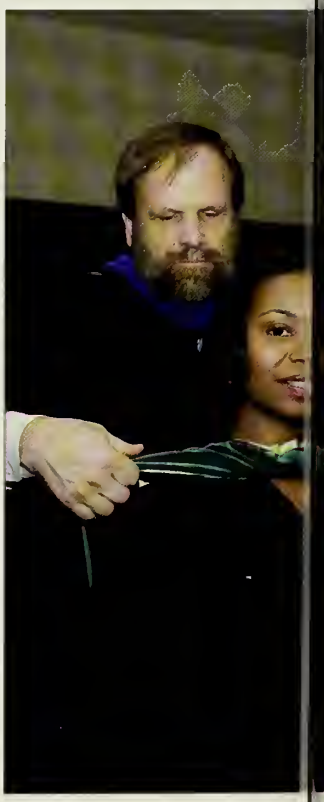

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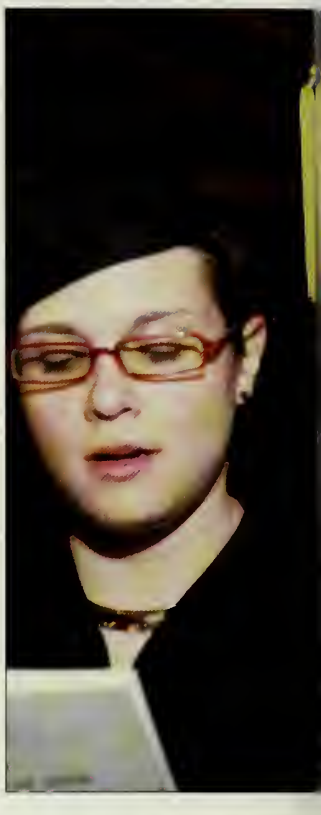
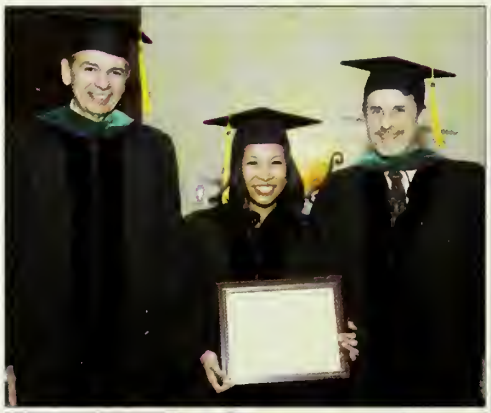

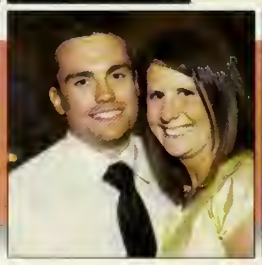

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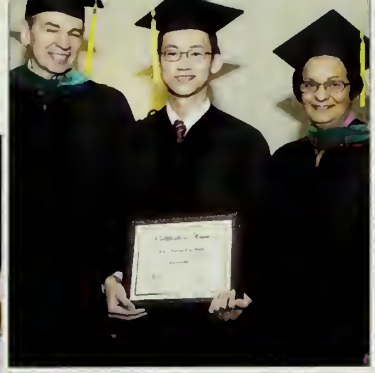

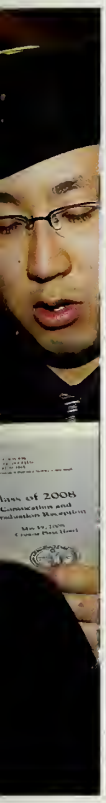

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Congratulations Class of 2008 !

THE 2008 YEARBOOK COMMITTEE:

(l-r) T.J. Maltese, Erica Dickson, Erich Gottwald, Yasmin Deliz, David Konigsberg, Melissa Rusli and Amy Sweigart (not pictured: Amarachi Acholonu).

Dear Class of 2008,

WE DID IT!!!! All those 4 years of blood, sweat, and tears and we are finally DO's! It's crazy how fast time flies. It really feels like only yesterday we were bright eyed, bushy tailed 1st years getting to know each other. We definitely have some great memories, from late night study sessions at school, home, or at the local bookstores and coffee shops, Gil's Histology practical with question #61, our fountain plunge as we ended second year, boards boot camp (just kidding!), and just enjoying each other's company. Our 4 years here have also been a challenge, but regardless of the rough times we have endured, both personally and as a class, we stood strong in the face of adversity. Look at us now! I am so proud to be a part of the Class of 2008! And on that note, I'd like to present you with Articulations '08. A lot of time and effort has been put into this yearbook by your fellow classmates and we really hope you enjoy it. In our opinion, this is the BEST yearbook in SOM's history. Best of luck to everyone as we continue to pursue our dreams and strive to become the best physicians we can possibly be. Thank you!

Yasmin D. Deliz, 2008 Yearbook Committee Chair

Special Thanks to Dean Micciche for helping us make the best yearbook ever and feeding us when meetings ran late. How can med students resist free food? And major thanks to the 2008 Yearbook Staff and SOM Educational Media Department. This effort would not be possible without their help! And last but not least, mad props to TJ Maltese. The countless hours he spent organizing the photos made him a force to be reckoned with! Thank you so much for all your hard work and dedication!

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